Gauge conversion works

†279. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the commencement and completion dates of gauge conversion activities of (i) Ratlam-Indore-Khandwa-Akola; (ii) Jaipur-Sikar-Loharu; (iii) Sadulpur- Hanumangarh-Ganganagar-Suratgarh; (iv) Mathura-Hathras-Kasganj-Bareilly-Lalkuan; (v) Rangiya-North Lakhimpur and (vi) Lumding-Amba Ambasa Lines; and

(b) the reasons for giving low priority to these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) The details of commencement and target date for completion of these gauge conversion projects are as under:

Sl.No.	Project	Date of commencement	Target date for completion
(i)	Ratlam-indore-Khandwa-Akola;	Yet to commence	Not fixed.
(ii)	Jaipur-Sikar-Loharu;	Yet to commence	Not fixed
(iii)	Sadulpur-Hanumangarh-Ganganagar-Suratgarh;	(a) Sadulpur (Suratpura)-Hanumangarh-Sriganganagar: Yet to commence, (b) Sriganganagar-Sarupsar: March, 2007.	Likely completion in 2012-13. Likely completion in 2010-11.
(iv)	Mathura-Hathras-Kasganj-Bareily-Lalkuan;	Mathura- Hathras-Kasganj October, 1998 Kasganj-Bareilly; December, 2002 Bareilly-Lalkaun: November, 2002	Completed and commissioned on 01.05.2009. Likely completion in 2011-12. Likely completion in 2010-11
(v)	Rangiya-North Lakhimpur;	Rangiya-Murkongselek: December, 2007	Targeted for completion by March, 2013.
(vi)	Lumbding -Amba Amabasa lines;	Lumding-Silchar-Jiribam, Badarpur-Baraigram-Kumarghat : 1996-97	Lumding-Silchar-Jirabam, Badarpur-Baraigram-Kumarghat is targeted for completion by March, 2012. Kumarghat-Agartala *via* Ambassa is a new line project which has already been completed and commissioned.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(b) The projects are being accorded due priority and are progressed as per the availability of resources.

Angul-Dubri railway line project

280. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds allocated for Angul-Dubri railway line project sanctioned since 1995-96, year-wise;

(b) the balance amount of funds needed to complete the line at current estimates; and

(c) the year by which this line is proposed to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Angul-Dubri-Sukinda Road new line project was included in Railway Budget 1997-98. Outlays provided to the project are given as under:

Year	Outlay in Rupees crore	Year	Outlay in Rupees crore
1997-98	0.01	2004-05	2
1998-99	2	2005-06	.10
1999-2000	2	2006-07	20
2000-01	23	2007-08	12
2001-02	23	2008-09	60
2002-03	1	2009-10	75
2003-04	2		

However, only Rs. 29,07 crore has been spent so far on the project. The current estimate of the project is Rs. 818.29 crore.

(c) The project has now been transferred to Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL), a PSU of the Ministry of Railways for fast track execution. The expected Target Date of Completion of the project is March, 2012.

Blockage of Rajdhani Express by Maoists

281. SHRI VARIVDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Rajdhani Express was recently held up by the Maoist at a deserted location in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details of the hold up and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed by the Railways to provide adequate security for the trains passing through jungles and un-inhabitated areas which are prone to such actions by such elements?